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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUN OIL COMPANY AND ALLEDED U.S. ADVICE ON
MID-EAST BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR MEETING TODAY, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ALLEGATIONS THAT YOU OR DEPARTMENT DISCOURAGED SUN OIL AND OTHERS FROM INVESTING IN JORDAN AND MIDDLE EAST.
2. COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM JACK O'CONNELL OF CONNELLE AND O'CONNELL, JORDAN LAWYERS IN WASHINGTON. TELEGRAM SAYS DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN FROM BOB WRITZ (SUN OIL COMPANY) THAT SUN BOARD INSTRUCTED HIM TO WITHDRAW THEIR EXPLORATION PROPOSAL IN JORDAN. DECISION, ACCORDING TO WRITZ, MOTIVATED BY "OVERALL BUSINESS CLIMATE RATHER THAN RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S DISCUSSIONS."
3. JORDANIANS FURTHER INFORMED BY A MR. BAHET OF AGRICO A RESPONSIBLE U.S. FIRM HERE IN CONNECTION WITH POTASH, THAT YOU/OR DEPARTMENT DISCOURAGING INVESTMENT AS RESULT GLOOMY PREDICTIONS ABOUT FUTURE STABILITY OF MIDDLE EAST.
4. JORDANIANS EXPECT TO BE SEEING NATOMAS OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIAN AND TREND OIL COMPANY OF DENVER IN NEXT FEW WEEKS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPLORATION PROPOSALS IN JORDAN.

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5. EMBASSY HAS TALKED WITH NATOMAS, R.C. SLOCUM, DIRECTOR OF
EXPLORATIONS, 601 CALIFORNIA STREET, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94108, TEL 415-986-7565 IN PAST
IN ENCOURAGING TERMS ABOUT PROSPECTS IN JORDAN. WE HAVE NOT
SEEN SUN OR TREND.
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